4. There has been a quantum jump in exports to China, Singapore, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and UAE whereas Bangladesh and Honkong have registered a decline.

5. United States continues to be the foremost destination for Indian exports.

6. In overall terms, during the period under study, India's exports have grown impressively by 18.05%.

(c) Regionwise exports of India as a percentage of total exports in Dollar terms and growth rate of exports are given below:

	2001-02 (% to total exports)	2002-03 (% to total exports)	Growth rate (%)
Asia & Oceania	38.54	42.85	(32.53)
North America	20.76	22.10	(26.91)
Latin America	2.18	2.45	(34.03)
Western Europe	24.13	23.37	(15.41)

(d) India's exports of merchandise goods to Africa in 2002-03 has not declined. Instead it has registered a growth of 8.24% in dollar terms as compared to the previous year. Programmes like "Focus-Africa" have been launched to further increase our exports.

Mutual recognition agreements between India and Singapore

18. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Singapore are to enter into the mutual recognition agreements by the end of the year;

(b) if so, the details of the areas of cooperation;

(c) whether both the countries would develop Indo-Singapore dialogue mechanism to further promote investment and industrial cooperation; and

(d) if so, the details of the action plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) India and Singapore are negotiating mutual recognition agreements in various areas as a part of the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) negotiations. However, their conclusion by the end of the year has not been specified.

(b) Electronics and electrical equipment, telecommunication equipment, food, drugs & pharmaceuticals, gas appliances are some of the areas of cooperation. In the area of services, the possibility of negotiating MRAs in various professional services sectors, such as accountancy, architecture and health is being discussed with the concerned professional bodies and institutions.

(c) and (d) The negotiations on a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement between India and Singapore would cover trade in goods, services, investment and economic cooperation.

Trade between China and India

19. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the turnover of the trade between China and India both in terms of imports and exports;

(b) the steps being taken to improve the export performance with China;

(c) whether the country is going for cheap imports resulting in dumping activity;

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to correct this situation;

(e) whether any new agreements have been signed during the PM's visit to China; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) the level of trade between the two countries during the last two years is given below.